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### Microlending to Indigenous Populations

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Dhattatreya Hosagrahar, of the Institute of Integrated Resources Management, works with indigenous populations near the Chinese border of Northeastern India. Hosagrahar talks about his relationship with his rural clients, the partnership with Unitus, population growth and the future of Indian development.



#### Transcript

Global X interviews social entrepreneurs who tackle some of the world's biggest problems. They are pioneers of innovation that benefit humanity. My name is Dhattatreya. I am basically from southern part of India working in northeastern region especially on Assam and Arunachal Pradesh which is bordering China. We are working mostly under tribal people, indigenous tribal people of the region. We are working in between April 2007 to September from 2600 clients to 10,000 clients. Indeed when our Dhat program has become most successful program in Assam. There is a lot of politics took place with which we help just enough closing the organization because of several political reasons. But on 19th of May 2002, we had an accident, I had an accident. Where the amount of people who came to visit me from the rural areas, which touched me and hence this headed, no I didn't came here to work for the political people, but I came here for the rural people.

So, there were that changes, the great change took place. Just bring with Unitus itself is a great honor. At the month of March, we were as a partner of Unitus, March 2007 where we were known by anybody in the country. But when the first week of April when they declared our partnership, over night I was very, very famous that it was such a great honor for us. My team members who gives their total time and energy for the organization. We have some number in our team, which works day and night for the people in the organization. The population growth which is taking place in India at least India I'm talking about. And it's our play. And with the microfinance a little bit technical as this all was clients. I don't think 2007 is also a too big time for a country like India to show a great development.

Definitely, some of the interventions from Unitus and like many of the organization, there may be new changes, good changes but necessarily not 100%. Global X is also on Social Edge at [socialedge.org](http://socialedge.org).